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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FOOD AND POPULATION CRISIS
COMMITTEES

1. AS YOU KNOW, UNDER LEADERSHIP OF GENERAL WILLIAM H.
DRAPER, JR., OF U.S. POPULATION CRISIS COMMITTEE (PCC),
A HIGHLY DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL AD HOC GROUP FROM A
NUMBER OF COUNTRIES RECENTLY PREPARED AND INVITED SIGNA-
TURES TO "DECLARATION ON FOOD AND POPULATION" WHICH
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STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES THIS

YEAR ON THESE TWO CRITICAL SUBJECTS APPROVING VIGOROUS PLANS OF ACTION. IN FOUR WEEKS OVER 1500 LEADING FIGURES IN NEARLY 100 COUNTRIES HAVE ACCEDED TO THE DECLARATION AND MORE ARE SIGNING EACH WEEK. THE DECLARATION WAS OFFICIALLY PRESENTED TO UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY APRIL 25. SECRETARY KISSINGER SENT LETTER TO SECRETARY GENERAL ENDORSING OBJECTIVES OF THIS INITIATIVE. COPY OF DECLARATION, WALDHEIM'S ACCEPTANCE, AND SECRETARY'S LETTER ARE BEING POUCHED, ADDRESSED TO POST POPULATION OFFICER.

2. CAPITALIZING ON THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY, PCC HAS WRITTEN DIRECTORS OF INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION (IPPF)-AFFILIATED FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATIONS IN 84 COUNTRIES URGING THEM TO ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL COMMITTEES ON FOOD AND POPULATION IN THEIR COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO: (1) PROMOTE CONSTRUCTIVE GOVERNMENT ACTION IN TWO U.N. CONFERENCES AND (2) ADDRESS THESE TWO CRITICAL PROBLEMS IN RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. PCC ALSO CALLING ON FREEDOM FROM HUNGER ASSOCIATIONS IN MANY COUNTRIES TO JOIN WITH IPPF/FPA'S IN SETTING UP SUCH COMMITTEES.

3. PCC PLANS TO SEND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES TO ABOUT 30 OF MOST POPULOUS LDC'S TO PROMOTE FORMATION OF SUCH COMMITTEES THROUGH CONTACTS WITH GROUPS MENTIONED IN PRECEDING PARA. AS WELL AS WITH NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR WORLD POPULATION YEAR, SIGNATORIES OF DECLARATION ON FOOD AND POPULATION, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH SIMILAR OBJECTIVES.

4. TO GUIDE PCC IN THIS EFFORT, ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT BY CABLE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF KEY LEADERS IN PRIVATE SECTOR OF YOUR COUNTRY--HOPEFULLY TEN OR FIFTEEN, POSSIBLY INCLUDING SOME ASSOCIATED WITH GROUPS CITED PARAS. 2 AND 3 ABOVE--WHO COULD MOST FAVORABLY INFLUENCE NATIONAL PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT TOWARD DESIRED FOOD AND POPULATION OBJECTIVES, AND WHO MIGHT TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE ON COMMITTEES FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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5. WHILE IMPORTANT FOR SUCCESS OF THESE COMMITTEES THAT THEY REFLECT NATIONAL INTEREST AND COMMITMENT, RATHER THAN OFFICIAL U.S. INSPIRATION OR SPONSORSHIP, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SUCH SUPPORT TO DRAPER AND HIS ASSOCIATES AND SUCH ENCOURAGEMENT TO LOCAL LEADERS IN FORMING RELEVANT COMMITTEES AS IN ITS JUDGMENT APPROPRIATE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING IN EACH COUNTRY. RUSH

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